

# Diploma in University Studies (DipUniSt – 120 points)

These regulations must be read in conjunction with the General Regulations for the University.

## 1. Version

- (a) These Regulations came into force on 1 July 2025.
- (b) This Diploma was first offered in 2025.

## 2. Variations

In exceptional circumstances the Amo Matua, Toi Tangata | Executive Dean of Arts or delegate, Amo Matua Umanga | Executive Dean of Business or delegate, Amo Matua, Pūhanga | Executive Dean of Engineering or delegate or Amo Matua, Pūtaiao | Executive Dean of Science or delegate may approve a personal programme of study which does not conform to these Regulations.

## 3. The structure of the qualification

To qualify for the Diploma in University Studies a student must:

- (a) be credited with a minimum of 120 points towards the qualification; and
- (b) be credited with the courses from either Group 1 or Group 2 of Schedule C to these regulations; and
- (c) be credited with a minimum of 105 points from courses from schedules in one of the BA, BCom, BE(Hons) or BSc; and
- (d) have participated in any academic support programmes provided specifically for DipUniSt students; and
- (e) have the programme of courses approved by the Director of the Diploma in University Studies or delegate.

## 4. Admission to the qualification

To be admitted to the Diploma in University Studies a student must:

- (a) Meet the academic requirements of:
  - i. at least 32 NCEA level 3 credits across three University Entrance approved subjects and the numeracy component of the University Entrance; or
  - ii. have been admitted with Academic Equivalent Standing; and
- (b) Meet the Literacy Requirements as outlined in Admission Regulation 5, with the following exception:
  - i. for international students the minimum standard is an IELTS Overall Score of 5.5 with a minimum of 5.0 for all bands, or equivalent; and
- (c) Meet the Numerical Competency requirements as outlined in Admission Regulation 6.
- (d) Have been approved as a student for the Diploma by the Tumu Tuarua Akoranga | Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic) or delegate.

## 5. Subjects

The Diploma in University Studies is offered in Arts, Commerce, Engineering, and Science. To complete the Diploma in University Studies in Arts, Commerce, Engineering, or Science, 105 points must be valid courses for the BA, BCom, BE(Hons) or BSc respectively.

## 6. Time limits

The time limit for this qualification is 24 months.

## 7. Transfers of credit, substitutions and cross-credits

This qualification adheres to the General Conditions for Credit and Transfer Regulations, with the following stipulation:

- (a) Transfers of Credit, not exceeding 15 points, are permitted.

## 8. Progression

This qualification adheres to the General Regulations for the University with the following stipulations:

- (a) A student may only repeat a course once.
- (b) A student must obtain permission from the relevant Dean or delegate in order to re-enrol for a second time.

## 9. Honours, Distinction and Merit

Honours, Distinction and Merit are not awarded for this qualification.

**10. Exit and Upgrade Pathways to other Qualifications**

- (a) A student who has completed the requirements for the Diploma in University Studies may apply for admission to undergraduate qualifications of the University.
- (b) A student who has graduated with the Diploma in University Studies from Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury, may apply to the relevant Amo Matua | Executive Dean or delegate to be admitted to another undergraduate qualification and to have their Diploma in University Studies subsumed as per the General Regulations to the University.
- (c) There is no exit qualification for this Diploma.

**Schedule C: Compulsory Courses for Diploma in University Studies**

For full course information, go to [courseinfo.canterbury.ac.nz](http://courseinfo.canterbury.ac.nz)

**Group 1**

TRNS101

**Group 2**

ACAD101 or (ENGR100 and ENGR101)